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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including October 3, 2002, for the purposes of responding to the Office Action mailed on June 3, 2002.

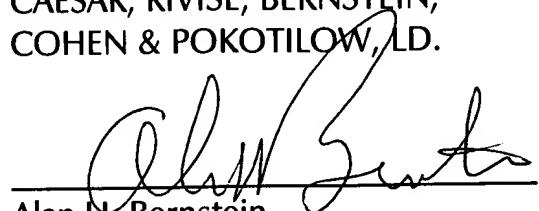
Please charge one (1) month extension fee of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110), or any additional fees associated with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 03-0075.

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Respectfully submitted,

CAESAR, RIVISE, BERNSTEIN,
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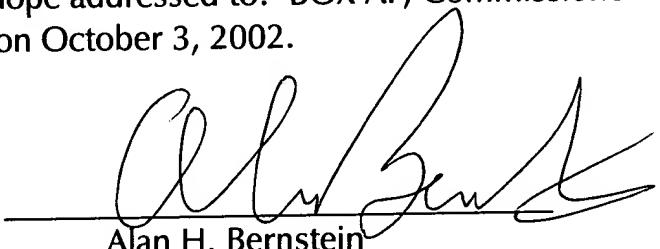
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